

"They looked at it and sighed."

Mrs. Tibbetts and their only undefined fear and well defined awe. warn the frivolous reader to pass it by at once, since it is constructed of such material as can only entertain those.

Eut Janet had no regular habits.

TOW this is the tale of Mr. and started in to raise her with a certain

daughter, Janet, than whom they loved nothing better, and habits," Mrs. Tibbetts (who had very who returned their affection with her regular habits) said to Mr. Tibbetts whole heart. It is an uninteresting tale, colorless, and having a moral, and I at 5, risen at 6 and breakfasted at 6:30

who have either been parents or chil-dren.

Instead, she carved out her own way through teeth and measles with an en-

loved each other. They had not marked by the first half away to school and took a scholarship duced, and again three weeks later. They had not marked by the first half hour tribbetts was 39 and Mrs. Tibbetts (that was then to be) was 35. When she came home summers she went home to get her things ready the first half hour could be traversed.

that their house might be cleaned the house, cooked new ways and to be married. Before her things were at express time and the other four and the shavings with a self-control that "But my duty to you two bought and paid for and fur-nished in advance. It was not so much that her mother hesitated to in the nature of either to like singe a chicken in her presence and her moted again. to take risks or run into debt- father felt apologetic over reading the Janet was married. There was some-

so they didn't do it. When newspaper in the same room where she thing very serene, stern and prompt there was no risk nor any might happen to be sitting. When she about the wedding. Mary Kew and chance of debt they went on returned to college there was a percep- another girl came for it, and Mr. and Christmas, but Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts eye chance of debt they went on and married and settled down and married and settled down and Janet came in due time and Janet came in due time Mr. nor Mrs. Tibbetts said that it was not quite what a physiog- chickens and read newspapers with a nomist or physiologist or quiet appreciation that was eloquent in now physiologist might have expected. looked around her house and tried to as he pleased.

be expected that she should come home betts said: "There ain't much use twinin' often, but she begged her parents to spend Christmas with her. Her hus- they won't bear again during our lives." band was promoted again just before

When the carpenters went Mr. Tib-

"No," she assented, meekly.

That evening they wrote to Janet and told her how nice the house looked, and then they went out front and looked at it and sighed and went in again.

"I wonder when she'll come next," Mr. Tibbetts said as he took off his boots to mother, "there isn't a thing go to bed half an hour after. His wife need, only to know that you made no reply. There was a choke in her throat, she had always been so fond of her window, with its frame of tendrils and gently tapping leaves from the departed vines. leparted vines.

When Janet came the next summer the was jubilant. Her husband had just over for eighteen months. made a million. She wanted her parents to come to the city and live in her flat loft, the shelves for linen we while she went abroad. Afterward they could go abroad while she built a granite palace with diamonds of white marble and stone urns setting on the cornice. But Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts didn't want to go to town and live in a flat.

"We're so well fixed," Mrs. Tibbetts said, and her tone was imploring, for Janet's eyes were kiting here and there

said, and her tone was imploring, for and a plain blue sprinkled with Janet's eyes were kiting here and there asters for the dining room. As in a way that made her and her hus-band fairly shake in their shoes. "We couldn't be better fixed." Mr. Tib- and the bullseye window cut so

betts said, attempting to throw all the mighty strength of complete conviction don't it?" n his words.

But Janet was not to be folled in her duty, and while she was abroad a con-their improvements. best apple tree, hoisted a water tank up on four stilts in its place, took up every floor in the house, installed various washbowls in little favorite closets, put a bath ub in the linen room and went away in September leaving desolation with the serior of these high cations, said Mr. Tibbetts, Ellen, if we'd never let Janet a to school she'd never have met like that man's she's got; she married some one in the vill had a nice cottage and been and let us do things for her, a condition as a do things for her, a conditions and the serior of these high cations, said Mr. Tibbetts, and serior of these high cations, said Mr. Tibbetts, and serior of these high cations, said Mr. Tibbetts, and serior of the serior o

in his wake.

Mrs. Tibbetts sat down and cried, She have the old apple trees and a Mrs. Tibbetts sat down and cried, She had stood in one basin and taken her bath out of another for almost fifty-five years, and she felt terribly over the change Mr. Tibbetts didn': like it either. The first time that he attempted the new tub he handled the wrong handle and deluged himself out of a hole in the colling, which he had supposed to be celling which he had supposed to be like fate come down awful heav

to stand it," he said to his wife while she was helping him out of his dripping meant to be kind."

Janet.

"Never mind us," said Mr. T. betts "don't you give one thoug "No," said Mrs. Tibbetts, "w

Her tone trembled in her any Mrs. Tibbetts flicked a tear out of her make it sufficiently impressiv "But I'm all you've got," s "Never mind," said Mr.

"we've got each other, too. Now you go right along will and never think of us." "No. don't think of us. kept covered by a board, and

"It looks kind of Christia said Mrs. Tibbetts. unfeigned satisfaction, as they in front on the first evening workmen finished and con-

put there for purposes of ventilation.
"I don't know how we're ever going to repine."



"Janet came walking in just after the last supper dish was washed."

MEXICAN WAR MEMORIES—Around America's Campfires in the War That Placed "Old Rough and Ready" Zach Taylor in White House

Thus were spent the dreamy days a one day had opportunity to observe his success in dealing with an unbroken there the fledglings who a decade later horse. An Indian had brought to camp would sound their names around th lasting friendships were formed be-tween the young officers, many of whom became world famous on the fields of became world famous on the fields of

placed in command of the forces that were ordered into Mexico, Gen. Scott and his Presidential ambitions being ruthlessly shelved.

In 1844 Gen. Taylor's little army of

buck to jump high into the air, at the same moment suddenly crooking his back upward in the effort to throw off his burden. This was repeated time after time, but Grant sat as firmly as if he had grown to the horse. The bystanders applauded the maneuvres of the horse with shouts of laughter and the horse with shouts of laughter. The his was derisively dubbed: "Old Fuss and derisively dubbed: "Old tained a vast and unbending dignit tells: "Hang on Grant! Don't let him Feathers." But notwithstanding his small weaknesses he was a brave and The animal soon tired of the unsuc- honest man and as gailant a soldier as

sprang forward by bounds and leaps at | plexioned, rugged and homely. Taylor and cactl of the Texas plain. The sol- He was ploughing the broken lands of diers watched them until they disap- Kentucky while Scott was securing a

classical education. In 1808 he came from the Kentucky enant. Taylor never wore his uniform. His clothes were no better than those worn by the common soldiers. While he was not lacking in personal dignity | he would make a boon companion of the umblest subaltern, and with them he was often seen laughing and joking. By his command he was affectionately dubbed "Old Rough and Ready," and not soldier ever served under him who would not any day have laid down his life for him so great was the affection n which he was held. The familiar sobriquet given Taylor on the distant Mexican fields by the men who loved him rang through the country in the political campaign of 1848, which placed

im in the White House. Negotiations undertaken by our Government for the amicable possession of Texas and the territory westward to the Pacific having failed Gen, Taylor's

General of the United States army, but by prestige of military achievement as well, was entitled to lead the invasion of Mexico. But the Democratic Ad- ran four Doric columns up to the garministration did not desire to advance ret in front, smashed in the parlor wall the Presidential ambitions of a Whig. o Scott, the scholar and polished soldier, was shelved, while the ploughman cellar under the kitchen to take the you, and I'm almost insane." from Kentucky frontiers bore our ountry's battle flags toward Mexico.

The General in Chief of the Amerian army was naturally profoundly indignant at being superseded for political reasons by a junior, the uncouth

never occurred to her before; but hav-ing occurred to her she acted on it at "And to thir

Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts were about sixty now, and their grapevines and apple trees were all of a prosperous and bearing" size, and they were each airly stout and very especially addicted

routine living. Janet came walking in just after the ast supper dish was washed and put elf. Mrs. Tibbetts was just hanging Mr. Tibbetts's cup up on its hook when she heard her daughter's oice. Of course, she was delightedvas twenty-five, with a clear comdexion, brown eyes, and a smooth, high compadour of all her own hair. She ore a coat of black Persian lamb and an' be broadcloth skirt, her chin was held high ther husband had been promoted again within the past week), and she swept everything at a glance and made up her mind what was to be done,

She only stayed a day, and she did not ake her parents into her confidence ecause pleasant surprises are always agreeable; but the third morning after or return to town four men arrived by e early train, and Mr. Tibbetts, going to the door, discovered that his house was going to be repapered from roof o floor in two days, and that by the order of Janet, who had selected the aper for every room with her own weet eyes and kind heart.

ook for the workmen. They finished on the second night and Mr. and Mrs. Pibbetts sat on two kitchen chairs amid heir sheet covered belongings, and ooked at one another while they gasped

"Well, it was certainly kind of Janet." he father said at last, and the mother ald, "Yes," feebly enough. They wrote a joint letter of thanks

nd learned slowly to assimilate their iew aspect. Then the next summer Janet came ain, took another look around, and

oft them quaking. Three days later carpenters appeared and swept away the dear front poren and the handy little woodshed. They and put a bullseye glass window just where the long mirror hung and dug a

place of the demolished addition in the eyed. Neither said one word. The Doric that ten years was a long time, pillars affected them much as Janet herself did, and neither liked the passing husband," said Mrs. Tibbetts, of the woodshed, but they restrained both feelings and speech and swept up betts.

"That evening they wrote the letter."

"And to think we've got to write that once and went home by that afternoon's letter saying how kind she is," said the rain. toward real temper in all his life before. "Sh-h-h," said his wife.

> Then he held up his arms and leaned ver and she got his shirt off. "Even my undershirt is soaked through," he said bitterly.

"Sh-h-h" she said again.

That evening they wrote the letter. In the winter that followed the new water system all froze up, and as the contractor had completely done away th the pump that never froze up her husband was delighted, too. Janet Janet's parents had a hard time. As they worked with iron rods and salt and ot cloths Mr. Tibbetts said wrathfully: I s'pose we'll have electric lights next left in the dark without a candle." "You mustn't say that," said Mrs.

I shall if I want to," said Mr. Tibbetts. "You'll bu'st that pipe out at the joint if you bang at it like that," said

"I'll bu'st it if I want to," said the husband; "I'll bu'et myself if I don't

This was the nearest that Mr. Tibbetts had ever come to swearing, wife felt cowed. She looked at him

"Darn it!" said Mr. Tibbetts. "My dear—" she began, "Shut up!"

There was nothing to be done but long life of love together, Mrs. Tibbetts bubmit, move out the furniture and burst into tears and climbed the cellar It was the first harsh word in all their stairs to weep above. To this had Janet

brought her parents, But she didn't weep long, for the disointed waterworks had led to trouble in the linen room-I mean, in the bathsoom-and the dining room ceiling was suffused with a large damp spot. To this also had Janet brought her parents.

The next summer she came again. They greeted her with fear and trembling; there was no room for any other entiment in their hearts now,

But Janet was troubled herself this "Do you know," she said, "George

has accepted the contract to build ten thousand miles of railroad and ninety three towns along the railroad in northern Kenibahakoogee, and he'lt be gone And we had nothin' in t ten years, and I don't see how I can to do but to sit still and stay behind or how I can go and leave She looked at them and they looked

at one another; neither knew where Mr. and Mrs. Tibbetts looked on big Kenibahakoogee was, but both knew

"I think you ought to go with your "Yes, by all means," said Mr. Tib- since Janet first came upor cetts.





Then they went int quated house and went to Peace reigned over. around. They had had severed in the windmill and that Janet was on the big drew long sighs as they sle the first peace that they

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observation was ordered from Louisi-ana to Corpus Christi, Tex., as the army of occupation and all other availathe middle of October, 1846, 3,860 men of all arms were keeping blyomac around always the show rider. At Corpus At Goliad Grant and Benjamin went to the Rio Grande was ordered.

Augur fell sick and was left at Goliad, but the Rio Grande was ordered.

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Gen. Scott, not alone as commanding The oldest officers present, even skill. Gen. Taylor himself, had never seen so Grant had much to do with horses and returned with a bag of fine birds. He ther. The army of the United States own use. that time numbered only 12,139 off-The camp life at Corpus Christi as-

James K. Polk, in a heated campaign

triumphed over Henry Clay, the Whis

and anti-annexation candidate for Presi

dent. Polk, exultant in his party's grea-

victory, was preparing to make the an-nexation of Texas the distinguishing

achievement of his administration. But

in the last days of President Tyler's

term the brilliant manœuvring of John

houses of Congress.

Calhoun accomplished the passage of

To the unprejudiced student of his-

tory it appears that the political lineups

of those days must have been along ex

pediency lines. The resolution while

the New England and Middle State

combined, and ultimately the great em-

pire westward to the Pacific, passed the

lower house by 22 majority and the

On July 4, 1845, by unanimous vote,

the Republic of Texas ratified the reso-

king to a peaceful settlement.

added to America more territory

Senate by a majority of 2.

the two Governments.

Scott was a Southern Whig and loomed pleasures were broken into with prepbig on the horizon as a Presidential posarations for the war with Mexico. tion did not want to open the way for a Whig President through military renown won on the fields of Mexico. And consequently Gen. Zachary Taylor was placed in command of the forces that extensive level prairies admirably placed as on springs of steel. The America's stormlest instory in near record price of \$12. The horse seemed the civil war. Adjoining the camp were the civil war. Adjoining the camp were placed in command of the forces that extensive level prairies admirably pranced as on springs of steel. The

observation was resting under the magnolia blooms of Louisiana, near old The young Republic of Texas having achieved Independence by capturing President Santa Anna after the battle

of San Jacinto, in 1836, and compelling him while in durance to consent to Texan independence, was knocking at the doors of the United States for adafforded opportunity for practical pro-fessional instruction and discipline, which was appreciated and availed of, But amusements were intersprinked mission, Mexico, having repudiated Santa Anna's agreement, still claimed Texas, but had not been able to conwith the preparations for war, and friendships as well as enmittes were

quer the lost territory.

The annexation of Texas meant war with Mexico, In those days the Democratic party was the annexation party

There were no settlements and game and fish abounded in the fields and streams of the unbroken wilderness. Wild turkeys in flocks of twenty to forty could be brought down within a few hours ride of the camp. Deer and antelope were numerous and not far afield were vast droves of wild mustangs. A Mexican lion was occasionally brought into camp by the more venturous hunters. Wolves and coyotes were everywhere and not infrequently joint resolutions of annexation by both disturbed the dreams of the vallant army of occupation under the Texas

Many of the young officers became Muzzle loading guns expert hunters. used mainly. There were no reechloaders in those days. The camp ables groaned with game; wild turkey and venison finally so palled upon the camp on a thoroughly exhausted the soldiers as to become actually distasted. His proud head was down, His of the commissariat were welcomed for

The Minister from Mexico, Gen. Almonte, demanded his passports upon the passage of the resolution of annexation. Wild horses were lassoed and brought into the camp at Corpus Christi by Mexsevering diplomatic relations between Americans for two or three dollars a lution of annexation and the Lone Star maximum price. Many of the better was added to the blue in the galaxy of animals were purchased by the quarter-America's ensign. Diplomatic relations America's ensign. Diplomatic relations master for the use of the army and between the United States and Mexico bad been suspended, but negotiations had been suspended, but negotiations were opened between the two countries looking to a peaceful settlement.

master for the use of the army and proved serviceable. These animals looked not unlike the Norman breed. They had heavy manes and tails and looking to a peaceful settlement.

They had heavy manes and tails and were much more powerful than the two had made a journey to Australia. master for the use of the army and

America's campfires on the plains of Christi he added to his horsemanship out to shoot turkeys. As regimental quartermaster

One day his colored servant while turkeys had taken flight in groups of r ding one and leading the others to twos and threes from branches of pecan sembled the fledglings of America's added to his pocket change by selling for several moments before taking wing.

He claimed that being thrown He had watched them with absorbing ir maiden swords on the fields of the horses jerked loose and stampeded, interest until the last turkey disap-Mexico. From Jefferson Barracks, Mo., There was no way to disprove the doubt-there came Lieut, Ulysses S. Grant and ful story and the joke was on Lieut. to him that he had come out to shoot Lieut, James Longstreet, with many Grant. Gen. Taylor frequently told the turkeys.

Compiled From Gen. James Longstreet's Unpublished Memoirs.

THE Democratic party was in control of the Government with James K. Polk as President during the war in 1847 with Mexico. Winfield Scott was commanding General of the United States army and entitled to lead the army into Mexico. But Scott was a Southern Whig and loomed

destined to become the wife of the man who wife to become the wife of the man who was to lead America's armies in the greatest war of the modern world, be his country's President and journey around the world to receive the homage of the crowned heads of all the governments of the earth, lived in St. Louis at the time. Lieut. Grant was small, unpromising, unprepossessing. Miss Dent was a popular visitor at the garrison balls and hops. These softer pleasures were broken into with prep-

cessful efforts to dislodge the burden ever bore his country's arms to vicon his back and at the psychological tory. horsemanship wondering if they would

ever see him alive again. camp on a thoroughly exhausted horse ul and the old reliable beef and pork were wet with sweat and feam. He had met his master and was thereafter a docile as any well trained American

cans and tame Indians and sold to the amusement at Corpus Christi was horse When not on duty, Grant's chief back riding. He was no sportsman and sometimes bring \$12, which was the maximum price. Many of the better mate, Lieut. Benjamin, of the Fourt! Artillery, came in one day with a story

looking to a peaceful settlement.

Following the admission of Texas into the Union, Gen. Taylor's little army of date. They foraged for themselves and the Union of the Union

Benjamin was a good shot and soon ige a body of the regular army to- bought several choice animals for his found Grant already in, but without any game. Grant said that a large flock of trees; pausing to calmly look at

regiets for the joys left behind in hossistory of "Lieut, Grant's loss of \$5 or \$6" "I concluded, Benjamin," said Grant, cal reasons by a jun pitable St. Louis. Miss Julia Dent, worth of horses." Grant did not invest "that I was not cut out for a sportsman Kentucky ploughman.

neglecting her parents. The idea had | "This coat 'll never do again," said!

while two grooms held the horse by larlats from either side Grant blindevolutions of the line had only been read in tactics. So widely had the troops been scattered and in such small detachments, to meet the requirements of the country's extensive frontiers, that there were Colonels who had never seen their entire regiments.

The concentration at Corpus Christi afforded opportunity for practical pro-

moment the cool headed rider vigorously applied the spurs, at the same time of man, though equally brave and true. oosening the rein, when the stallion He was small of stature, swarthy combreakneck pace through the chaparral had had limited educational advantages.